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Foot Ball in College.

Now and then somebody—who is per-

haps nobody in particular—is bold

enough to come to the front asking

whether it is not possible that foot

ball is absorbing too much attention in

the college life of the day. Players and

their thousands of admirers answer

back a thundering No!

And yet this does not settle the ques-

tion. Most thoughtful persons admit

that the sound body is necessary to the

sound mind, and that a reasonable

amount of physical exercise is indis-

pensable to the student. When we

come to determine how much physical

exercise is necessary and therefore

reasonable we come to the parting of

the ways.

When a lusty young fellow has had

his leg broken or his skull cracked in a

mad rush everybody is ready to admit

that there has been a little too much

vigor in the exercise. If the public

could be convinced that too much time

is devoted to play that should be de-

voted to study, there would be an in-

stant pressure on college management

to bring the boys back to their books.

College governing bodies may be sup-

posed to have their eye on these things

and to be ready to interfere when they

think the nice balance between neces-

sary work and healthful play has been

disturbed and needs readjusting.

To the Joker on this point seems to

have been nearly reached, but so long

as the colleges offer in evidence such

splendid specimens of physical man-

hood as are graduated from the foot

ball teams, an admiring public will

content itself with looking on and hoping

that all is well.

M. DE PARIS never cut off so many

heads as our own Adlai has sent rolling

into the waste-basket, yet the people of

France have never thought of making

the French executioner the second offi-

cer of the republic.

WHAT crime have the streets of

Wheeling committed that they are not

to be permitted to make a clean and

decent appearance?

Peck's Triumph.

The election being over, the court

sustains Labor Commissioner Peck's

demurrer, and it is probable that the

Democratic sleuth hounds will let this

Democratic officer alone, permitting

him to finish his term in peace.

Commissioner Peck made an investi-

gation of wages in New York state un-

der the operations of the McKinley

law, told the truth, the truth was not

what the Democratic managers were

looking for and they jumped on him

with all the feet they had. They man-

aged to show how they could flap their

ears. That was all.

Mr. Peck's figures stand. So do the

inferences drawn from them. The

election cut away none of the founda-

tion of truth.

An English firm which was to erect

carpet works near Philadelphia and was

about to let the contract for the build-

ings and machinery, decided to wait as

soon as the result of the election was

over. The representative of this firm

says the tariff uncertainty gives them

pause. Protectionists think this a loss

to the country. Free traders burrah

over their victory.

GIVE us good government and pros-

perity and we care not who fills the of-

fices.

Before and After.

The McKinley act was denounced as a

monstrous measure, bad through and

through, and based on the principle of

protection, which principle the Demo-

crats denounced as unconstitutional.

All the same Democrats are rush-

ing to assure the country that the

McKinley act will not be re-

pealed, only its worst features will

be cut out, and this will be done so

gradually that there will be no inter-

ference with the prosperity of the

country.

When the devil was sick, the devil a monk

would be.

When the devil got well, devil a monk was he.

As Ohio white girl ran off and mar-

ried a colored man just as though her

state has gone Republican by an over-

whelming majority. We make bold to

call attention to this fact as upsetting

another Democratic theory.

ENGLISH law has quickly done away

with the murderer Neill, and the wretch

is supposed to have expired his many

crimes. It was a neat job and soon over.

Imprisonment for life at hard labor

would have been a much more severe

penalty, but this punishment is not

heroic enough to meet the present de-

mands of society.

In North Dakota a woman has been

selected superintendent of public in-

struction, and the point is raised that

her sex disables her. She could strike

her matches on the wall, couldn't she?

This time the house will have to

elect several speakers. There are so

many aspirants who did it all them-

selves and modestly await the reward of

merit.

Pertinent Questions.

Commissioner McGregor's seven

questions are decidedly interesting,

and since they are likely to arise in

subsequent elections, true answers that

will stand the test will have perma-

nent value. Perhaps this point cannot

be reached without an appeal to the

courts.

From the final decision the election

officers of the future could take counsel

touching points which election officers

are not likely to decide correctly for

themselves. Voters seem to have done

better than the officers in this first

effort, which may be accounted for by

the greater ease of doing what they had

to do. Still, there is something for

voters to learn with respect to their

rights and privileges under the new

law.

See how Thomas E. Davis pulled

ahead in Marshall county. His nomi-

nation was no mistake.

THE little state bank plank in the

Democratic platform will give the con-

servative ones, if any such there be, a

world of trouble. There will be states-

men in Congress who believe in wild-

cat money, and by the great horned

spoon they intend to have it or kick up

a mighty bobby.

A Nice Point.

Mr. Charles A. Dana, of the New York

Sun, knows without asking who elected

Cleveland. Mr. Dana did it with his

cry of "No force bill, No negro domina-

tion." That made the weakening south

solid and that settled the presidential

business.

Wherefore it is thought by persons in

Mr. Dana's confidence that he is one of

the men to sit around President Cleve-

land's council table, and the war por-

folio is mentioned as being about Mr.

Dana's size. Is it necessary for the

President and his cabinet officers to be

on speaking terms?

THE country is passing through a re-

markable season of murders. It may

be the new comet or it may be

something else that is doing it.

SOME of the Democratic newspapers

seem to forget that Benjamin Harrison

is a high grade lawyer and capable of

making a living at the bar. He doesn't

depend on the public for a job.

Self-Preservation.

If consumers consume less, mer-

chants buy less, manufacturers pro-

duce less, wage-earners work less and

earn less, as a result of the uncertainty

following the Democratic triumph, the

apostles of Democracy will be quick to

attribute it all to the exceeding mean-

ness of the Republican nature. It will

be only the spirit of self-preservation

asserting itself as the result of natural

causes.

DIDN'T the Democratic party re-

cover from the seeming annihilation of

1872? And won't the Republican party

be able to keep its head above water

without the offices for four years? Don't

be so foolish, buoyant Democrats, as

to talk about the Republican party

retiring permanently from the busi-

ness of making the country pros-

perous.

Our Democratic friends need not

bother themselves about Mr. Elkins.

He is all right and he recognizes the

splendid fight made by West Virginia

Republicans. He has no fault to find

with the management, the party or any-

thing connected with the Republican

side of the campaign. In defeat he is

serene, as a strong man is always.

BENOLD the importers, who toil not,

neither do they spin. They will not

import freely now. Expecting a reduc-

tion of duties, they will buy from hand

to mouth. This will cut into the reve-

nuces while it lasts. The importer votes

the Democratic ticket but does not in-

tend that his party shall put him in a

deep and very dark hole.

Mr. CLEVELAND was for Mr. Mills in

the speakership contest in the present

Congress, and his party did not respect

his desires. Perhaps his nod, being

presidential and backed with patron-

age, may be more potent this time.

A KANSAS City man swallowed a

latchkey and couldn't find it. A man

who had swallowed whiskey has been

known to be unable to find the latchkey.

Mr. CLEVELAND does not desire an

extra session of Congress. He knows

his part and is afraid of it.

BOSS HARRITY would be a dandy in

anybody's cabinet. Is there a port-

folio small enough for him?

BREAKFAST BUDGET.

In the famous cellars of the Hotel de

Ville, at Bremen, there are a dozen

cases of holy wine which have been

preserved for 350 years. If the cost of

maintaining the cellar, payment of rent,

interest upon the original value of the

wine and other incidental charges are

all considered, a bottle of this choice

wine has cost \$2,000,000, each glassful

\$270,476, and a single drop could not be

sold without loss under \$200.

Hubbard T. Smith, who wrote the

music of "Listen to My Tale of Woe," is

a clerk in the treasury department and

a favorite in society at the capital. He

is a Hoosier by birth.

On a clear night a red light can be

seen at a greater distance than a white

light, but on a dark night the reverse is

the case.

A map of Kansas twelve feet long and

six feet wide, making the scale three

miles to the inch, will be exhibited at

the World's Fair. Every school house

in the state will be represented by a

small red cross, and there is no section

of the map where these marks will be

more than an inch—that is, three miles

apart. In the eastern half of the

state the average is six school houses to

every township.

Since the Belgian government has

absorbed the telephone business life

has taken on